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Elections, nominations and confirmations

Election of members of the International Narcotics Control Board under the provisions of article 9, paragraph 1 (a), of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

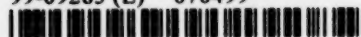
Addendum

Election of one member from among candidates nominated by the World Health Organization

1. The Secretary-General informed the Economic and Social Council, at its organizational session for 1999, of the conditions under which the forthcoming election of members to the International Narcotics Control Board would be held. The present note contains information on candidates nominated by the World Health Organization. Information on candidates nominated by Governments is contained in document E/1999/L.1/Add.11.

2. In accordance with established procedure, the Secretary-General invited the Director-General of the World Health Organization to propose candidates with a view to filling the post that would become vacant on 1 March 2000 on the expiration of the term of office of the member of the International Narcotics Control Board who had originally been nominated by the World Health Organization in 1995 and elected by the Economic and Social Council the same year. The post is currently occupied by Alfredo Pemjean (Chile).

3. The Secretariat received a communication from the Director-General of the World Health Organization, dated 6 November 1998, in which, in accordance with the provisions of article 10, paragraph 1, of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs of 1961,¹ as amended by the 1972 Protocol,² the Director-General nominated the following candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board:



Abdullahi Sheikh Elmi (Somalia)
Philip Onagwele Emafo (Nigeria)
Kalman Szendrei (Hungary)

The biographical information on these three candidates is contained in the annex below.

4. The Council's attention is also drawn to the fact that annexes II-V to document E/1999/L.1/Add.11 contain information on, respectively, meetings of the Board in 1998, payments to members and present membership; the texts of articles 9 (Composition and functions of the Board) and 10 (Terms of office and remuneration of members of the Board) of the Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs, 1961, as amended by the 1972 Protocol; information on qualifications and other conditions of membership in the Board; and a list of the States parties to the 1961 Single Convention, the 1972 Protocol amending that Convention, the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971³ and the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988.⁴

Notes

¹ United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 520, No. 7515.

² *Ibid.*, vol. 976, No. 14152.

³ *Ibid.*, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

⁴ United Nations publication, Sales No. E.91.XI.6.

Annex

Biographical information on candidates for election to the International Narcotics Control Board

Abdullahi Sheikh Elmi (Somalia)

Date of birth: 1944.

Education: Bachelor of Science in Pharmacy, University of Bologna, Italy (1968); Master of Science in Biology, University of Milan, Italy (1971); Doctor of Philosophy in Pharmaceutical Science, University of Milan.

Present post: Pharmaceutical consultant.

Previous posts: Senior Technical Adviser, United Nations International Drug Control Programme (1992–1994); University Professor and Expert Consultant, National Pharmaceutical Agency, Somalia (1981–1990).

Publications: *Inter alia*, "Identification of drugs of abuse and their dependence liabilities", in *Handbook of African Training Courses on Drug Dependence* (1988); co-author of "Screening of some Somalian medicinal plants with antibacterial activity", *Journal of Ethnopharmacology* (1986); "A simplified dosage schedule of metrifonate in the treatment of *Schistosoma hematobium* infection in Somalia" (1987).

Honours: National Research Excellence Award, Somalia (1989).

Meetings attended: *Inter alia*, first Symposium of the Canadian Society for Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ottawa (1998); sessions of the International Narcotics Control Board; sessions of the World Health Organization Expert Panel on Drug Dependence and Alcohol Problems; African Training Course on Drug Dependence (as faculty member).

Philip Onagwele Emafo (Nigeria)

Date of birth: 1936.

Education: Diploma in Pharmacy, Nigerian College of Arts Science and Technology, Ibadan, Nigeria (1955–1959); Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours), School of Pharmacy, University of London, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland (1960–1963); Doctor of Philosophy in Biochemistry, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Nigeria (1996–1970).

Present post: Self-employed in consultancy services (1989 to date).

Previous posts: Lecturer and Senior Lecturer, Pharmaceutical Microbiology and Biochemistry, University of Benin, Nigeria (1971–1977); Chief Pharmacist, Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos, Nigeria (1977–1980); Director, Pharmaceutical Services, Federal Ministry of Health, Lagos, Nigeria (1980–1988); consultant to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, Vienna, for the development of a training curriculum for inspectors (1993); assisted the Division of drug management and policies of the World Health Organization in developing national guidelines for inspection of drug distribution channels (1993); consultant to the United Nations International Drug Control Programme, Vienna, in preparing a report on the drug control situation in Africa and a draft plan of action for the Organization of African Unity, and consultant on the thematic evaluation of technical assistance in support of the control of drugs used for licit purposes (1995); consultant to the Organization of African Unity, Addis Ababa (1998); prepared a background paper on

drug control in Africa for review by an expert group meeting, and presentation to the special session of the General Assembly devoted to the fight against the illicit production, sale, demand, traffic and distribution of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and related activities (1998).

Special appointments: Rapporteur-General, United Nations International Conference on Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Vienna, Austria, June 1987; Chairman, tenth special session of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, Vienna (1988); Chairman, Pharmacists Board of Nigeria (1977–1988); member of a 15-member working group set up by the Secretary-General, on the enhancement of the efficiency of the three drug control units of the United Nations Office at Vienna (1990); member of a 10-member ad hoc Intergovernmental Advisory Group established by the Commission on Narcotic Drugs to assess strengths and weaknesses of global drug control efforts (1994); member of the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence of the World Health Organization (1992, 1994 and 1998); member of the World Health Organization Expert Advisory Panel on the International Pharmacopoeia and Pharmaceutical Preparations (1979–1997); member of the Advisory Group of the International Narcotics Control Board, to review substances for control under article 12 of the United Nations Convention against Illicit Traffic in Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances of 1988 (1998); member of the Expert Group convened by the Secretary-General of the United Nations, pursuant to Economic and Social Council resolution 1997/37 of 21 July 1997, for the review of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme (1998).

Publications: Co-author of publication on information-dissemination in psycho-active drugs; "Improving prescribing practices", World Health Organization (1998); "Drug regulation and social policy in narcotics: law and policy in Nigeria", Federal Ministry of Justice, Lagos (1990); "Overview of reducing illicit drug demand", in proceedings of the National Workshop on Drug Regulatory Function, Pharmacists Board of Nigeria (1991); "Effectiveness of the laws on drug abuse in Nigeria", National Institute of Policy and Strategic Studies (1997); "International organizations and authorities: their scope", in proceedings of the Training Workshop on Detection and Identification of Counterfeit and Substandard Pharmaceutical Products, Department of Pharmaceutical Chemistry, University of Ibadan (1998).

Honours: Elected Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society in Nigeria (1983); elected Fellow of the West African College of Pharmacists under the auspices of the West African Pharmaceutical Federation (1991).

Meetings attended: Member of the Nigerian delegation to the World Health Assembly of the World Health Organization (1978, 1979, 1987 and 1988); head of the Nigerian delegation to the Commission on Narcotic Drugs (1978, 1980–1983, 1985–1988).

Kalman Szendrei (Hungary)

Date of birth: 1936.

Education: Doctor of Philosophy, Pharmaceutics-Natural Products Chemistry, Academy of Sciences, Budapest (1972); Postdoctoral Fellow, University of Münster (1971); Doctor of Pharmacy, Medical University, Szeged, Hungary (1963); Master of Pharmacy, Medical University, Szeged, Hungary (1959).

Present post: Retired (1996); "Professor Emeritus", Albert Szent-Györgyi Medical University, Szeged, Hungary (1997).

Previous posts: Chief, Science and Research Section, United Nations International Drug Control Programme (1994–1996); Senior Interregional Scientific Adviser, United Nations International Drug Control Programme (1989–1995); Chief, United Nations Narcotics Laboratory, Vienna (1988–1991); Professor and Director, Department of Pharmacognosy, Medical University, Szeged, Hungary (1977–1992; on leave between 1984 and 1992).

Publications: Over 200 scientific papers, reviews, manuals, technical documents and patents in natural products chemistry and the medicinal use of natural products and plants; author, co-author or technical editor of many United Nations publications in the area of the control of drugs of abuse, *inter alia*, the laboratory manuals on Recommended Methods for Testing; the "ALERT" Series, the United Nations International Drug Control Programme Technical Series, for example, on *Amphetamine-Type Stimulants: A Global Review* (1996); *The Economic and Social Consequences of Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking* (1997) and the first issue of the *World Drug Report* (1997).

Honours: Janos Kabay Memorial Medal, for achievements in the scientific research of natural narcotic drugs (1967); Szent-Györgyi Memorial for outstanding achievements in natural products chemistry (1998).

Meetings attended: Hundreds of national and international meetings, conferences and expert workshops in various aspects of natural products research and pharmacy and in the area of drug control, *inter alia*, as delegate of Hungary to several sessions of the Commission on Narcotic Drugs, and invited expert to many United Nations and World Health Organization meetings, including the Expert Committee on Drug Dependence and the Expert Advisory Group of the International Narcotics Control Board; represented the United Nations drug control units at many national, regional and international meetings.
